

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, new dependent claims 25-38 have been added. These claims are directed to the Group II method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, noting that Group II was elected by the September 3, 2002 response. As can be seen, claims 25-38 all depend either directly or indirectly from claim 19 in the elected Group II. Accordingly, examination of these claims 25-38 together with parent claim 19 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.39252X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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